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Maritime Advisory Board March 18, 2014

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regular meeting on March 18, 2014 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center conference room. **Chair** Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Present: **Chair** Lomax, **Vice Chair** Buchheister, Pettingil, Fegley, Franke, Gosselin, Hood, Woodward

Absent: Allan

Staff: Biba, Walters

Guest: Tim Dowling, (Annapolis Sailing School)

Annapolis Sailing School Presentation

Mr. Dowling made a presentation to the Port Wardens for a permit application in February and was encouraged to make a presentation to the MAB. He described the joint evaluation panel process that is a quicker way of getting through the permit application process in State of Maryland. He provided background explaining that Jerry Woods purchased the parcel of land located near the entrance of the Back Creek and established the Annapolis Sailing School in the 1960s. He purchased the school and property in 2005. There is a natural basin on the property that was dredged twice but he continues to apply for a maintenance dredge permit annually. He explained the failure of the jetty would have a negative impact on the school so he would like to make some improvements to avoid this failure. He needs to shore up his property to prevent the accretions. He is now paying other marinas in Annapolis to house his boats. He discussed the proposal to restore the basin to original conditions to prevent further accretions and intend to install a 53-slip marina in addition to space to house the current fleet and customers. He anticipates permit acquisition by August 2014 and work to commence in October 2014 with a possible completion in April 2015. It was noted that the Port Wardens tabled this agenda item until MDE and COE has acted on it.

II. December 17, 2013 and February 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Franke moved approval of the December 17, 2013 and February 18, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. **Vice Chair** Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS

A. Street-End Park Update/Sixth Street Repair Status

Mr. Walters reported no change on the Sixth Street repairs. **Chair** Lomax added that there has been funding included in the CIP to install floating docks at all the street end parks.

B. Transition Team Update/MAB Input/Maritime Zoning Review Status

Chair Lomax reported that the Transition Team subcommittee held its first meeting on March 13, 2014 and agreed to send out the meeting notes. He noted that the goal is to identify potential maritime economic issues/recommendations to develop a master list. This would entail identifying potential interviewees to address written questions. The subcommittee hopes to get a series of

recommendations out by early summer so that it is included into the larger economic plan that should be completed by mid summer.

C. RFP for Bulkhead Repairs

Mr. Walters reported that staff made a selection on the bulkhead repairs at City dock contract but was not certain whether they awarded the contract. He stated that the RFP was for design and engineering of the bulkhead and stormwater management. Staff discussed the traffic circle and the Council reviewed the RFP. He believes that the stormwater management and bulkhead elements will move forward but the traffic circle requires more studies.

D. Transient Boaters/Overboard Discharge Enforcement

Chair Lomax inquired about the status of the discharge enforcement issue raised by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Walters responded that there are currently three boats anchored in the harbor so there is not an immediate concern and there will be 250 boats in the harbor on Columbus Day, which is the Department busiest day.

E. Blue Angels/Vessel Spectator Zone

Chair Lomax reminded everyone that there was an approved spectator zone for the commercial spectator boats and a boat free channel for access in and out. He discussed the letter from the Coast Guard agreeing to provide the zone but also requesting that the City provide the moorings and markers. He expressed concern regarding whether they would patrol the zone and Ms. Gosselin believes that they are willing to patrol but did not have the staff to provide the markers.

F. Ward 8 Designee Recommendation

Chair Lomax canvassed the MAB for a recommendation for a Ward 8 designee. Mr. Fegley knows of someone who may be interested but need to check with them prior to submitting the name.

G. Maritime Industry Economic Development Program and Fund

Chair Lomax followed up with Mr. Bruce Miller and noted that this agenda item remains unfunded. He explained that the funds were generated by the proposed City slip tax but because of the opposition, it was never implemented. As a result, he believes that City should remove the fund requirements from the statute or location a funding source.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayor Pantelides

The MAB deferred this agenda item to its April 15, 2014 meeting.

B. Annapolis Community Boating – Moorings on Back Creek

Chair Lomax received an inquiry from Annapolis Community Boating asking that the MAB help find solutions for boats that are no longer at the Annapolis Sailing School property. The Annapolis Community Boating asked that he inquire about the amount of income generated if the moorings were made available. Mr. Walters responded that the moorings are unavailable because they are 100% grant funded for transient boating. He suggested an alternate mooring location if the Annapolis Community Boating is interested. **Chair** Lomax will share the information and report back.

C. April Guests

There will not be any April guests.

D. Maritime Eastport

Chair Lomax reported that there would be wayfinding signage installed directing people to Eastport. He noted that the Eastport Business Association requested referring to the signage as Maritime Eastport so agreed to share this information with the Board for comment.

E. 4th Street at Back Creek

There was concern about street end access at the 4th Street at Back Creek and found that the dock was installed within their lateral lines.

Annapolis Newport Race

Ms. Gosselin reported that there is a new committee organizing the Annapolis Newport Race in 2015 that is co-chaired by Dick Neville and Mark Myers. The goal is to improve hospitality on both ends in Annapolis and Newport. They may be making a request of the City. She will keep the MAB informed of the status.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS:

A. Special Tax Districts

B. Committee Assignments

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

With there being no further business, Mr. Fegley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm

Vice Chair Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder